

## CLAIMS:

1. A gaming console including a display means, and game control means arranged to control images displayed on the display means, the game control means being arranged to play a first game displayed on the display means and, if a winning combination results, the console pays a prize, the console being characterised in that the game control means includes a dynamic game feature whereby a feature game occurs upon a first trigger condition of the first game, and wherein a second trigger condition influences one or more gameplay aspects of the feature game such as to alter the likelihood of occurrence of at least one possible outcome of a set of possible outcomes of the feature game.

2. The gaming console as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given symbol during the play of the first game.

3. The gaming console as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given combination of symbols during the play of the first game.

4. The gaming console as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given outcome of the first game.

5. The gaming console as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a predetermined sequence of events in the first game.

6. The gaming console as claimed claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises when a random number coincides with a number of credits bet on the first game.

7. The gaming console as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a player accumulation of a predetermined number of bonus points.

8. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition arises during the first game.

9. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given symbol during the play of the first game.

10. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given combination of symbols during the play of the first game.

11. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given outcome of the first game.

12. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a predetermined sequence of events in the first game.

13. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises when a random number coincides with a number of credits bet per game.

14. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a player accumulation of a predetermined number of bonus points.

15. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the first game is a bonus game which has come about during play on the console.

16. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition arises within a bonus game which has come about during play of the console.

17. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition arises within a bonus game which has been triggered by the first trigger condition that has arisen during play of the first game.

18. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein both the first and the second trigger conditions arise within a bonus game which has come about during play of the console.

19. The gaming console as claimed in claim 8 wherein the second trigger condition arises from a user selection of an aspect of the feature game.

20. The gaming console as claimed in claim 19 wherein the user selection occurs as a result of occurrence of the first trigger condition.

21. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters the probability of occurrence of a winning outcome of the feature game.

22. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters the value of an available prize prior to or during gameplay of the feature game.

23. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters the number of winning opportunities in the feature game.

24. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters a total number of possible outcomes of the feature game.

5 25. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters the interaction of the feature game with other games.

26. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the second trigger condition alters the interaction of the feature game with other consoles in a distributed network of gaming machines including the console.

10 27. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein more than one type of first trigger condition may occur in the first game, and wherein a corresponding one of a plurality of feature game types occurs depending on which type of first trigger condition arises.

15 28. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein repeated occurrences of the second trigger condition each influence gameplay aspects of the feature game.

29. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the first game is of a style which creates a matrix of symbols and pays prizes for the occurrence of predetermined combinations in the matrix.

20 30. The gaming console as claimed in claim 29 wherein an occurrence of a given symbol in a predetermined position of the matrix constitutes the first trigger condition.

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25 31. The gaming console as claimed in claim 29 or claim 30 wherein an occurrence of a given symbol in a predetermined position of the matrix constitutes the second trigger condition.

32. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 29 to 31 wherein the first game pays a prize for the occurrence of a winning combination along certain paylines in the matrix, and wherein the occurrence of a winning combination along a predetermined one of said paylines constitutes the first trigger condition.

30 33. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 29 to 32 wherein the first game pays a prize for the occurrence of a winning combination along certain paylines in the matrix, and wherein the occurrence of a winning combination along a predetermined one of said paylines constitutes the second trigger condition.

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34. The gaming console as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the feature game takes the form of a wheel divided into a number of sectors, some of the sectors indicating a prize, and wherein if gameplay of the feature game concludes with an indicator indicating one of the sectors indicating a prize, the prize indicated by that sector is awarded.

35. The gaming console as claimed in claim 34 wherein gameplay of the feature game includes spinning of the wheel.

36. The gaming console as claimed in claim 34 wherein gameplay of the feature game includes movement of an indicator circumferentially around the wheel.

37. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 36 wherein occurrence of the second trigger condition causes the introduction to the feature game of an additional indicator.

38. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 36 wherein occurrence of the second trigger condition causes a prize to be added to a blank sector of the wheel.

39. The gaming console as claimed in claim 38 wherein additional credit must be staked for the prize to be added to the blank sector.

40. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 36 wherein occurrence of the second trigger condition provides an opportunity for the player to pay to add winning sectors to the wheel.

41. The gaming console as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 33 wherein the feature game takes the form of one of a board game, a game of dice, a bingo game, and a spinning reel game.

42. The gaming console as claimed in claim 39 wherein the feature game is a board game and occurrence of the second trigger condition causes a prize to be added to a blank segment of the board game.

43. The gaming console as claimed in claim 42 wherein additional credit must be staked for the prize to be added to the blank segment.

44. The gaming console as claimed in claims 42 wherein occurrence of the second trigger condition provides an opportunity for the player to pay to add winning segments to the board.

45. A gaming system including at least one display means, and game control means arranged to control images displayed on each display means, the game control means being arranged to play a first game displayed on each display means and, if a winning combination results, the gaming system pays

- a prize, the gaming system being characterised in that the game control means includes a dynamic game feature whereby a feature game occurs upon a first trigger condition of the first game, and wherein a second trigger condition influences one or more gameplay aspects of the feature game such as to alter the likelihood of occurrence of at least one possible outcome of a set of possible outcomes of the feature game.
46. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given symbol during the play of the first game.
47. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given combination of symbols during the play of the first game.
48. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given outcome of the first game.
49. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a predetermined sequence of events in the first game.
50. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises when a random number coincides with a number of credits bet on the first game.
51. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the first trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a player accumulation of a predetermined number of bonus points.
52. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 51 wherein the second trigger condition arises during the first game.
53. The gaming system as claimed in claim 52 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given symbol during the play of the first game.
54. The gaming system as claimed in claim 52 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given combination of symbols during the play of the first game.
55. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a given outcome of the first game.
56. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a predetermined sequence of events in the first game.

57. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the second trigger condition arises when a random number coincides with a number of credits bet per game.

58. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the second trigger condition arises upon the occurrence of a player accumulation of a predetermined number of bonus points.

59. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 58 wherein the first game is a bonus game which has come about during play on the console.

60. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 58 wherein the second trigger condition arises within a bonus game which has come about during play of the console.

61. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 58 wherein the second trigger condition arises within a bonus game which has been triggered by the first trigger condition that has arisen during play of the first game.

62. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 58 wherein both the first and the second trigger conditions arise within a bonus game which has come about during play of the console.

63. The gaming system as claimed in claim 45 wherein the second trigger condition arises from a user selection of an aspect of the feature game.

64. The gaming system as claimed in claim 63 wherein the user selection occurs as a result of occurrence of the first trigger condition.

65. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 64 wherein the second trigger condition increases the probability of occurrence of a winning outcome of the feature game.

66. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 65 wherein the second trigger condition alters the value of an available prize prior to or during play of the feature game.

67. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 66 wherein the second trigger condition alters the number of winning opportunities in the feature game.

68. The gaming system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 67 wherein the second trigger condition alters a total number of possible outcomes of the feature game.

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